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ADD Meeting with Japan
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the Annual Defence Dialogue (ADD) meeting held recently between India and Japan;

(b) whether the Government of Japan has agreed to exchange maritime information including weather and other defence related matters and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether his Ministry is coordinating with other countries also for exchange of maritime information bilaterally;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to widen the sphere of maritime information beneficial to our country; and

(e) whether India and Japan has agreed to share information about China's expanding trans-border military capabilities in Asia pacific region and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
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(a) Raksha Mantri (RM) visited Japan from 30-31 March 2015 for the Annual Ministerial Level Meeting and had dialogue on defence related matters with his counterpart. The two countries agreed to improve defence cooperation in both quantitative and qualitative terms. It was agreed to establish Staff Talks
between the two Air Forces, Test Pilot exchange, and mechanism on flight safety exchange. It was also agreed to enhance cooperation in maritime security.

(b)to(d): A Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was signed between the Indian Coast Guard and Japan Coast Guard in November 2006. Under this MoC, India and Japan have agreed to share information through their respective Coast Guards for ensuring maritime safety, maritime security as also protection of marine environment.
Further, Government has recently approved maritime information sharing mechanism with 27 countries, including Japan.

(e) India has a Special, Strategic and Global Partnership with Japan. India's bilateral relations with Japan stand on its own merit and are not directed against third countries.
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